(b) and (c) The licences have been granted to all these units only for the permitted capacity and current policy is not to allow the mills to produce wheat products in excess of their licensed capacity. If and when it is found that they have manufactured wheat products in excess of their permitted capacity, appropriate action under the provisions of the relevant orders will be taken.

Price of imported wheat

†1562. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of imported wheat is higher than its support price declared by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the price of imported wheat vis-a-vis that of indigenous wheat during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) During the current year, no contract has been entered into by the Government for import of wheat from abroad. However, the average FOB price of wheat contracted for import in the year 1983-84 comes to Rs. 158.59 per quintal as against the support price of Rs. 152 per quintal in respect of indigenous wheat during the current year.

Departmental examination for Class-II Posts in Accounts Department of Railways

1563. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Manager/FA&CAO, Central Railway Bombay has conducted Limited Departmental Competitive Examination during the years 1980 and 1982 for the posts o Class II in Accounts Department (Non safety category),

(b) if so, how many SC and S' candidates appeared year-wise in th said examination;

(c) whether it is a fact that th Railway Board have issued instruc tions *vide* their letter No. E(SCT) 74CM15/34 dated 31st August, 1974 anc further clarified *vide* letter No 81E(SCT)15/16 dated 15th April 1982 to promote the best amongst the failed SC/ST candidates on ad hoc basis against the reserved post of non-safety category;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not considering for promotion on *ad* hoc basis as per the Railway Board's instructions;

(e) what action has been taken to finalise this long outstanding issue; and

(f) by when the Railway Administration propose to promote SC and ST candidates against the reserved posts?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes Sir.

(6) Year	SC	ST
1980	3	1
1982	4	3

(c) Yes, Sir, However these instructions now apply only to non-safety category posts of Group C(Class III) and Group D(Class IV). In case of Group B(Class II) these instructions apply to normal selection of non-safety posts against 75 per cent vacancies only.

(d) to (f) The scheme of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for filling up 25 per cent of the vacancies in Group 'B' was introduced in the Accounts Department w.e.f. 3-8-1977. The conditions prescribed for selection through L.D.C.E. did not provide consideration of best amongst failed SC/ST employees for appointment to Group 'B'. Lower qualifying standards, however, have now been prescribed for SC/ST employees for appointment to Group 'B' on the basis

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